

SHORT CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME: Matthew HOWARD SC

CHAMBERS: 23rd Floor, Francis Burt Chambers
77 St George's Terrace, Perth

CURRENT

Appointed Senior Counsel 2009, joined WA Bar in 1996.

Acting Parliamentary Inspector, Corruption and Crime Commission of Western Australia:
January 2016 to present.

Adjunct Professor (and course controller 1998-2005 and continuing from 2007) in Conflict of
Laws at the Law School, University of Western Australia.

Listed as one of Australia's Best Lawyers – Litigation as published in *The Australian
Financial Review* in 2013-2022.

Listed as a leading barrister in Western Australia by Doyles Guide in 2015-2021.

Since 2009, member of the Legal Practice Board of Western Australia.

Director of Law Access WA since 2019; Chair since January 2022.

Director of WA Bar Chambers Limited (Francis Burt Chambers) November 2018 - present;
previously: 1998 – 2004; and then from 2007 to August 2015. Deputy Chair of Chambers
from 2009 to August 2015; November 2018-November 2019.

Principal areas of practice: General Commercial and Public Litigation; Equity and Trusts;
Corporations Law; Conflict of Laws; Trade Practices; Inquests and Commissions of Inquiry;
Mining Law; Migration Law.

Involved as an advocacy trainer run by the Australian Bar Association and others since 2011,
in Australia and overseas.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL

President of the Australian Bar Association November 2019-November 2021.

Vice President of the Australian Bar Association 2018-2019; Treasurer of the Australian Bar
Association in 2017.

Councillor of the Law Society of Western Australia 2019-2021.

Senior Counsel Assisting the Commission of Inquiry into Processes and Procedures followed by The Government of Papua New Guinea in Obtaining the Off-Shore Loan from the Union Bank of Switzerland and Related Transactions from August 2019 to March 2020.

President of the WA Bar Association from November 2015 to October 2018; Vice President from December 2012 to November 2015.

Member of Board of Management of the Mental Health Law Centre WA from November 2013 to October 2017 (and Chair from November 2013 to March 2017).

Member of the Victorian Bar since 1998.

June 1994 – December 1996: Senior Associate in Commercial Litigation with Parker & Parker, Barristers & Solicitors – which included appearing as counsel.

January – June 1994: Employed Solicitor at Freehill Hollingdale & Page, Sydney working in general commercial litigation.

Admitted in May 1994 as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

May 1991 – November 1993: Lawyer with the (then) Australian Securities Commission, Western Australia Regional Office primarily conducting litigation (including as counsel) and co-ordinating investigations.

January – May 1991: Solicitor with the (then) Crown Solicitor's Office of Western Australia.

Admitted in October 1990 as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria.

Admitted in December 1989 as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Western Australia.

1989: Articled Clerk at the (then) Crown Solicitor's Office of Western Australia which included April – May as Associate to Murray J (then Commissioner Murray QC) of the Supreme Court of Western Australia.

1987 – 1989: Professional Assistant in the (then) Crown Solicitor's Office to Dr Jim Thomson. This involved briefing the Western Australian Attorney-General; working with Standing Committee of Attorneys-General (including representing WA at officers' meetings); general opinion work and other matters of a Commonwealth–State nature.

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2014 - 2018

Honorary Fellow in Conflict of Laws at the Law School, University of Western Australia

2004 - 2008:

Lecturer in Ethics and Professional Responsibility at the Articles Training Programme in 2004; and from 2006 to 2008.

1996 – 1997

Lecturer (fractional appointment) in Equity and Trusts at the Law School, University of Western Australia.

1995

Visiting lecturer in Trusts at the University of Western Australia and Murdoch University Law Schools.

Visiting Lecturer (summer of 1993/4) in Company Law at the University of Wollongong.

1993

Senior lecturer (fractional) and Course Controller in Equity and Trusts at Murdoch University Law School.

1992

Senior lecturer (fractional) and Course Controller in Equity and Trusts at Murdoch University Law School.

Lecturer in Business Law (MBA programme) (fractional) at Murdoch University School of Commerce.

1991

Mooting Adviser to the UWA Law School.

Tutored in Constitutional Law in the UWA Law School.

1990

Senior Tutor in the Department of Business Law, Faculty of Economics and Commerce at the University of Melbourne.

Tutor in Law at St Hilda's College at the University of Melbourne.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Laws (UWA) 1988.

Bachelor of Jurisprudence (Hons) (UWA) 1986.